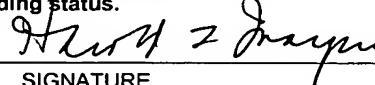


FORM PTO-1350 (Modified) U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (REV. 12-2004)		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 740207-1020
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) To Be Determined
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/007404	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 09 July 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 10 July 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION FILTER APPLIANCE AND INNER CONTAINER FOR A FILTER APPLIANCE		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US HEITELE, Bernd		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)). <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210). 		
Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Express Mail Label No. EV437537589US <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <i>Certificate of Express Mail; Return Postcard; PC1 Request; PCT/IB/304;</i> 		

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24. The following fees are submitted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee \$300.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee \$200.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee \$500.00 TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1000.00					
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole)		RATE	
- 100 =	/50 =			x \$250.00	\$ \$0.00
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).					
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	- 20 =	0	x \$50.00	\$ \$0.00	
Independent claims	- 3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$ \$0.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable)			<input type="checkbox"/>	+ \$360.00	\$ \$0.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$ \$1,000.00					
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.					
SUBTOTAL = \$ \$1,000.00					
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).					
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = \$ \$1,000.00					
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property + \$ \$40.00					
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$ \$1,040.00					
Amount to be refunded: Amount to be charged:					
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>20-0778</u> in the amount of <u>\$1,040.00</u> to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>20-0778</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.					
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SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: MARQUIS, Harold L. THOMAS, KAYDEN, HORSTEMEYER & RISLEY, LLP 100 Galleria Parkway, N.W. Suite 1750 Atlanta, GA 30339-5948 US					
 SIGNATURE Harold L. Marquis NAME <u>20,594</u> REGISTRATION NUMBER					

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In re: HEITELE, Bernd

For: FILTER APPLIANCE AND INNER CONTAINER FOR A FILTER APPLIANCE
CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAIL

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above case are the following documents:

Return Postcard
Transmittal Letter to the US Designated Office
(DO/EO/US) (2 Pages)
Copy of Published International Application Consisting of:
Publication Page
21 Pages of Specification
5 Pages of Claims
13 Pages of Drawings
International Search Report
English Translation of International Application
Preliminary Amendment
International Preliminary Examination Report
PCT Request
PCT/IB/304
Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney
Assignment Recordal Form
Assignment
Deposit Account Authorization in the amount of \$1040.00

Further, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 20-0778 for any additional fees required. The Commissioner is requested to credit any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold L. Marquis, Reg. No. 20,594

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